

**THE CITY OF DEXTER
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2022**

A. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Keough and was held at 3515 Broad St., Dexter, MI 48130.

B. ROLL CALL:

Sanam Arab – Present
Jamie Griffin – Absent/Excused
Wa-Louisa Hubbard – Present
Zach Michels – Present
Dan Schlaff – Present
Joe Semifero – Present
Mayor Shawn Keough – Present

Student Representatives:
Bonnie Keating – Present
Adam DiGregorio – Absent/Excused

Also attending: Justin Breyer, City Manager and City Clerk; Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager; Pamela Weber, Recording Secretary; residents; and media.

Attending remotely: Grace Whitney, Associate Planner; Marie Sherry, Finance Director/Treasurer/Assessor; and residents

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. City Council Work Session – December 12, 2022
2. City Council Meeting – December 12, 2022

Motion Hubbard; support Schlaff to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022 City Council Work Session and the Regular City Council Meeting with the following changes:

- Add Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager as having attended the meetings;
- Correct the date Mr. Paul Cousins passed away to December 9, 2022 on the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Michels, Arab, Hubbard, Schlaff, Semifero, Keough
Nays: None
Absent: Griffin
Motion Carries

D. PRE-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION – None

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion Arab; support Hubbard to approve the agenda as presented with the following change:

- Move Consent Agenda item K.2. to New Business item M.3.

Ayes: Hubbard, Michels, Semifero, Arab, Schlaff, Keough

Nays: None

Absent: Griffin,

Motion carries

F. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST -

Council Member Michels – Consent agenda has an item to pay bills to his employer, Carlisle Wortman Associates, so he will abstain from voting on the consent agenda.

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

H. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION – None

I. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Upcoming Meeting List

- The Huron River Watershed Council meeting was held remotely and future meetings will be remote as well. The meetings will be held in the mornings.

2. 2022 Community Garden Report

J. REPORTS:

1. Public Services Superintendent – Tim Stewart

Mr. Stewart provided his written two-work report as per packet. Mr. Stewart provided the following update:

- The ice rink is in place. Temperatures continue to impact opening dates/times. The DPW is looking into synthetic ice;
- A request was made to ensure the roundabout sidewalks are clear of snow and ice;
- Well #5 has been cleaned. The motor is being checked and will be put back in place in approximately a month. The camera report was good;
- Meter readings began today and should be completed by the end of the week;
- The new hire is doing well

2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

Ms. Aniol submitted her written report as per packet. Ms. Aniol had no additional updates.

3. Board, Commission, & Other Reports - “Bi-annual or as needed”

Washtenaw County Sheriff

There was a suggestion to add a reminder to the next newsletter and email communication reminding residents to lock their car doors to avoid vehicle content thefts.

4. Subcommittee Reports - None

5. City Manager Report – Justin Breyer

Mr. Breyer submitted his written report as per packet. Mr. Breyer provided the following update:

- The Spark grant has been submitted for the Mill Creek North Park;
- The next newsletter will be circulated after January 1, 2023;
- The temporary sculpture requests will go out soon;
- The football team proclamation will be presented at the second City Council meeting in January. It was suggested to provide proclamations for the field hockey and debate teams as well

6. Mayor Report – Shawn Keough

Mr. Keough submitted his written report as per packet. Mr. Keough provided the following update:

- Mr. Keough wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated he is looking forward to a fun and exciting 2023.

7. Council Member Reports -

- Council Member Michels reported that the last CAPT/DART meeting was cancelled.

K. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of: Bills & Payroll in the amount of: \$319,950.33

2. Consideration of: Proposal from Paige Ashe-Baggett for DPW CDL Training for an amount not to Exceed \$9,000

Motion Hubbard; support Arab to approve items 1 and 2 of the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: Arab, Semifero, Hubbard, Schlaff, Keough

Nays: None

Absent: Griffin

Abstain: Michels

Motion Carries

L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of: None

M. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

1. Consideration of: Renaming First Street Park to Paul Cousins Park

Motion Semifero; support Schlaff to rename First Street Park to Paul Cousins Park.

Ayes: Schlaff, Semifero, Arab, Hubbard, Keough

Nays: Michels

Absent: Griffin

Motion Carries

2. Consideration of: Winter Tree Trimming Program Proposal for Westridge from Burman's Tree Services for an Amount not to Exceed \$10,000

Motion Semifero; support Arab to approve the quote from Burman's Tree Services for work in Westridge for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

Ayes: Hubbard, Michels, Arab, Schlaff, Semifero, Keough

Nays: None

Absent: Griffin

Motion Carries

3. Consideration of: Appointments to Boards and Committees

Motion Semifero; support Hubbard to approve the appointment to boards and committees listed in the packet.

Ayes: Hubbard, Arab, Michels, Schlaff, Semifero, Keough

Nays: None

Absent: Griffin

Motion Carries

N. COUNCIL COMMENTS (paraphrased or summarized by Recording Secretary)

Michels: Thank you Council for postponing the discussion regarding City Council Rules.

Hubbard: Happy holidays, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.
Schlaff: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Arab: I was married on December 17th and my last name will change.
Semifero: None
Griffin: Absent
Keating: None
DiGregorio: Absent

O. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION –

Manu Chopra from Alexandria, Virginia asked if anyone had been to the US capitol building to see the Christmas tree.

P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Hubbard; support Schlaff to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Breyer
City Manager and City Clerk

Approved for Filing: _____